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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE LABOR CONFEDERATION AND THE ETUC

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 3261 (NOTAL), (B) LISBON 2597 (NOTAL)

1. APPRECIATE INFORMATION REF A WHICH GENERALLY TRACKS WITH
LOCAL ASSESSMENT.

2. PORTUGUESE LABOR CONFEDERATION (CGTP), LIKE THE COMMUNIST
PARTY (PCP), OPPOSES PORTUGAL'S ENTRY INTO THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY.

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3. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO SIGNALS THAT THE CGTP MIGHT BE
PREPARING APPLICATION TO JOIN ETUC. FRG LABATT HAS
SPECULATED, HOWEVER, THAT ONCE IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT
PORTUGAL WILL BE ADMITTED TO EC, THE CGTP MIGHT MAKE AN
APPLICATION TO JOIN THE ETUC.

4. CGTP IS ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN ANY AND ALL TOKENS OF INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION IN ORDER TO BOLSTER ITS CLAIM TO BE THE ONLY RECOGNIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF PORTUGUESE LABOR. LABOR MINISTER MALDONADO GONELHA TOLD AMBASSADOR APR 1 THAT THIS IS THE TOP PRIORITY OBJECTIVE OF CGTP (REF B). CGTP CLAIMED ON MAR 17 THAT IT IS ALREADY EXCLUSIVELY RECOGNIZED BY "INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATIONS AND THE ILO." THE RECEPTION OF A CGTP DELEGATION BY THE TEXTILE FEDERATION OF THE FRENCH CFDT MAR 14 WAS GIVEN DISPROPORTIONATE PUBLICITY IN THE LISBON PRESS. SUCH INFREQUENT VISITS TO NON-COMMUNIST CONFEDERATIONS DO LITTLE TO OFFSET THE GENERALLY HELD -- AND CORRECT -- VIEW WITHIN PORTUGAL THAT THE CGTP IS A "TRANSMISSION BELT" FOR THE PCP. EVEN THE CGTP DOES LITTLE TO DISGUISE ITS ORIENTATION; IT SENT TWO LEADING MEMBERS OF ITS SECRETARIAT, ARMANDO TEIXEIRA AND SANTANA E COSTA, TO THE 16TH CONGRESS OF SOVIET TRADE UNIONS IN LATE MARCH. CARLUCCI

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